



CROQUET NORTH

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 7th March 2020 at Tyneside CC

This meeting made reference to reports and papers, some of which are issued with these minutes. Copies of others can be made available. Information previously in the annual Newsletter will be embodied into the Website in the coming weeks.—Hon. Sec.

Present— Dennis Scarr, David Millener, Derek Johnson, Eric Nixon, John Fitzpatrick, Phil Errington (Belsay), Jackie Errington (Belsay), Nigel Martin (Durham), Derek Gerrard & John Howie (Alnmouth), Julian Gibson (Middlesbrough), Derek Knight, Eugene Brady.

Apologies for absence were received from Charles Waterfield, Roger Staples, Roger Carpenter, Jane Pringle, Terry Vernazza, Colin Chun.

Minutes of last year's AGM were agreed.

Matters Arising—None

Secretary's Report —(Copy attached). This Includes summaries from club and League Manager reports. *(Report will be published on the Website).*

League Managers Reports—Summarised in Secretary's Report. Derek Johnson added that whilst leagues were well supported GC day events were often not attracting sufficient numbers and therefore some events were questionable for 2020.

There was discussion about the difficulty of fulfilling an end of 2019 season GC fixture at Auckland. No change in rules were proposed.

(Nigel Martin advised that Durham had been drawn away at Phyllis Court in the first round of the 2020 GC Federation Shield !!!)

CA Representative's Report.— Derek Knight outlined the role of the CA and its recent re-organisation. There are now 221 clubs and over 6000 playing members. Working parties were focused on Efficiency, Marketing and Technology. Derek intended to raise the following issues—Failure of CA committees to provide feedback, The need to redefine Affiliated Clubs and the Preferential treatment of Premium Members. A fuller report is being distributed to committee members and is available to others on request.

2019 Accounts —The verified accounts with supporting explanations had been distributed by Derek Johnson. The year end balance was £3185.60. The Accounts were accepted.

Election of Officers & Committee for 2020/21—The CN Committee Meeting held in January submitted the following nominees (as per AGM Agenda).

Chairman	Dennis Scarr—Middlesbrough
Secretary	David Millener—Belsay Hall and Tyneside
Treasurer	Derek Johnson—Tyneside and Belsay Hall.
AC League Manager	Julian Gibson—Middlesbrough
GC League Manager	Colin Chun— Belsay Hall.

No further nominations were received. The above were appointed.

Election of independent person to verify accounts —David Appleton.

(Club appointed representatives are John Howie (Alnmouth), Terry Vernazza (Tyneside), Eric Nixon (Belsay), Roger Carpenter (Durham), Eugene Brady (Auckland). Charles Waterfield (Middlesbrough) (Bamburgh have chosen not to take up their vacancy at this time.)

Plans for Leagues and Championships—Julian Gibson has circulated EPL and AC League dates—Middlesbrough are expected to confirm their 2 ACL teams soon.
AC League teams & dates to be confirmed and communicated. **Dennis/Julian**

GC League dates to be circulated (to include John & Nigel). **Derek /Colin**
(John Howie appealed for early, and in future earlier, League dates so that Alnmouth players would know when they were required to play and be able to arrange holidays etc to suit)

Plans for other Events A draft Fixtures List was reviewed. To update and circulate. **David**

Budget Proposals for 2020- No formal budget but it is expected that we will save by not printing & posting out hard copies of the Newsletter. Off setting this is the possibility of providing funding for a local GC Referees Course. *Capitation fee expected to remain at £1 per player for the year.*

AOB 1—*There will not be a centralised printing and distribution of the Newsletter to members this year. Instead, information will be embodied into the CN Website and club Secretaries will be asked to provide guidance and support to their members as maybe necessary. —Sec.*

AOB 2—*Most attendees met representatives from Backworth GCC immediately prior to the AGM. Backworth has joined the CA and have been invited to join CN. —Sec*

Date of next AGM—Saturday —6th March 2021.—subject to confirmation

David Millener---Hon. Secretary

9th March 2020

DISTRIBUTION of CN 2020 AGM Minutes ——2 pages + Secretary's Report

Committee 2018/19

Dennis Scarr	Chairman
David Millener	Secretary
Derek Johnson	Treasurer
Julian Gibson	AC League Manager
Colin Chun	GC League Manager
Derek Johnson	Coaching Officer
	Development Officer
Derek Knight	CA Representative
John Howie	Ordinary Member--Alnmouth
Eugene Brady	Ordinary Member—Auckland
Eric Nixon	Ordinary Member--Belsay Hall
Roger Carpenter	Ordinary Member--Durham
Terry Vernazza	Ordinary Member--Tyneside
Charles Waterfield	Ordinary Member Middlesbrough

Webmaster

Nigel Martin

Newsletter Editor

John Fitzpatrick

Trustees

Eric Nixon, Roger Staples, Charles Waterfield.

Club Secretaries

John Howie
Jane Pringle
Seonaidh Edgar
David Millener (acting)
Madeleine Carpenter
Charles Waterfield
Peter Lowe (acting)

Club Chairmen

Derek Gerrard
Jane Pringle
Jamie Edgar
David Millener
Roger Carpenter
Dennis Scarr
Peter Lowe

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